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RECENT LEGAL LITERATURE

THE ELEMENTS OF THE LAW OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS. By John W. Daniel, of the Lynchburg (Va.) Bar and author of "Daniel on Negotiable Instruments"; and Chas. A. Douglass, of the Bar of the District of Columbia, and Professor of the Law of Negotiable Instruments in Georgetown University of Washington, D. C. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1903.

This is a work designed exclusively for the use of students and instructors in law schools. It is the joint production of Mr. Daniel, author of "Negotiable Instruments," and of Mr. Douglass, of the Law Department of Georgetown University. The result of this joint undertaking is a text-book of about 350 pages, which bears evidence of special adaptability to the needs and requirements of those engaged in the preparatory study of law. There is added in an appendix "The Negotiable Instruments Law" as enacted by the legislature of New York. Most of the material comprising the book and much of the language and arrangement are taken from Mr. Daniel's excellent treatise, now passed into the fifth edition. This fact is a sufficient guaranty of the quality of the material, because it may be said without disparagement to others that no one has treated the subject of negotiable instruments with more of comprehensiveness and more of detail than Mr. Daniel and that no one has elucidated the subject with equal clearness and grace of expression. The selection and limitation of the material to bring the book within the compass of preparatory study is the work of Mr. Douglass. The announced purpose of the authors is to afford students "the substantial benefits of the point of view and professional experience of the lawyer-author and of the lecturer's practical appreciation of the usual difficulties attendant upon the study of law."

Measured by standards applicable to text-books, "The Elements of the Law of Negotiable Instruments" is a meritorious work and will doubtless win favor with all those who approve the text-book method of instruction.

In form and arrangement the book leaves nothing reasonably to be desired.

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THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY AND OTHER INTERESTS IN LAND. By Herbert Thorndike Tiffany. 2 Vols. pp. xxxiii., 1589: Keefe-Davidson Company, Saint Paul, 1903. (\$12.00.)

This is an admirable work. It is evidently the production of an intelligent student of the best authorities, who has been able to state the results of his studies concisely and accurately.

He has given us a clear statement of the fundamental principles of American land law in compendious form, while, at the same time, his treatment is not so general as to omit the necessary consideration of qualifications, distinctions and exceptions. The author's success in compassing within two volumes the law of real property, without ignoring either its sources and historical development or the doctrines of modern times, is due to the orderly disposition of the parts of his subject, and to his style.

The different branches of the subject are treated in such an order that there is a gradual unfolding of the law, and the relation of the parts to the whole is presented without the repetition which a less logical arrangement